

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF HUMAN ORGAN BANKS

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any plan to set up Human Organ Banks for the purpose of transplantation of human organs in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to encourage organ donation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any technology has been imported for the purpose and necessary training imparted to the doctors in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The Organ Retrieval Banking Organization (ORBO), a national facility & nodal center for the country is already operational at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, with a purpose of encouraging organ donations, fair and equitable distribution of human organs and optimum utilization of human organs. Network of 15 hospitals (Government, Public and charitable) with ORBO has been formed for smooth functioning and coordination for process of Organ Donation and Transplantation in Delhi.

(c) & (d): A Review Committee was set up by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to review the provisions of the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 and the Transplantation of Human Organ Rules, 1995 and the Committee has recommended various steps to encourage organ donation. The synopsis of the recommendations made by Review Committee are broadly as under:-

- (i) It may be mandatory that all cases of near relative donor also be routed through authorization committee.
- (ii) Guidelines for working of authorization committee have been laid down.
- (iii) Testing to establish genetic relationship and histocompatibility should be done in the laboratories approved by Directorate of Health Services.
- (iv) ORBO activities should be expanded.
- (v) A national organ transplant program with special emphasis on cadaver donations be promoted.
- (vi) Every hospital should make it mandatory for ICU/treating medical staff to make requests to relative of brain dead patient for organ donation and should report all brain dead potential donor to ORBO.
- (vii) There should be incentives for the family of Cadaver Organ Donor.
- (viii) Simplification of Rules for procedure have been suggested.

The Government is examining the Report of the Review Committee for implementation in phase.

(e): No, Sir.

(f) : Does not arise.